

CONGRATULATING CALIFORNIA
CITRUS MUTUAL ON THEIR 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate California Citrus Mutual as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

In 1977, California Citrus Mutual, a nonprofit grower-based trade association, was envisioned by a group of citrus growers in order to form an organization for the expressed purpose of providing information, education, and advocacy to enhance per acre revenues for industry producers. Over the last quarter century, California Citrus Mutual has grown to become a respected voice within the citrus industry and a persuasive advocate for growers on local, state, and federal issues.

Their advocacy in state and federal government is second to none in the citrus industry and ranks with larger organizations in the fresh fruit and vegetable industry around the state and country. Successful issue management has become the cornerstone for California Citrus Mutual's continued growth.

Under the innovative leadership of President Joel Nelsen, California Citrus Mutual has overcome such challenges as catastrophic freezes, trade issues, pest exclusion activities, US-EPA directives, and Crop Insurance concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate California Citrus Mutual on their 25th Anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING DON AND SHARON
WIEDEMAN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Don Wiedeman and his wife, Sharon, Johnstown of Weld County, Colorado.

Mr. Wiedeman was a farmer who only wanted to raise the best corn in the country. He never thought about owning a radio station until he and his family went on vacation and decided to attend Church services in Phoenix, Arizona. He was following along in his Bible as the pastor was reading Isaiah 40. The words "go up on a high mountain" seemed to speak out him and call him to action. At the same time as this was happening, one of the pastors of the Church pointed to him and said "God just told me he has something special for you in radio." Mr. Wiedeman pondered and prayed about this unusual event and talked to some acquaintances of his who had radio knowledge. After several years of work he started a radio station in Colorado.

Wiedeman's dream is now a conservative Christian (with Hebrew roots), pro-Constitution, pro-individual rights station with many different program hosts. It is a station heard "around the world," on satellite and internet. The station has a large family of listeners who depend on it to be their "watchman on the wall," in all ways. Their program hosts report the news, not their interpretation of it. This radio station

is based on "faith, truth and freedom," according to Wiedeman.

In November, 1997, a fire silenced the station for several weeks causing their family of listeners to go into mourning. The "watchman on the wall" was no longer available for all their faithful listeners. It was a deadly silence! When the station returned to the air in January, 1998, their family of listeners rejoiced. Their "watchman" was back.

Mr. Wiedeman is a humble, Christian man who has a spiritual program to start the day for his listeners. He teaches God's word to all who will hear it.

Mrs. Wiedeman is a humble, Christian woman who is dedicated to this family of listeners, too. It is a family of listeners because everyone who gets to know others at events sponsored by the station truly become friends. Mrs. Wiedeman also hosts a radio show on Fridays.

We are thankful for Mr. Wiedeman and for all that he does for the radio station to get the message out, and Mrs. Wiedeman for her spiritual input and knowledge. The Wiedemans have long, outstretched arms that embrace a vast number of people. Coloradans hope they are able to continue in their work for many years to come.

I ask the House to join me in commending and thanking the Wiedemans for their service to the community and to the country they love.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HONDA MARYSVILLE
PLANT AND THE FIRST AMER-
ICAN PRODUCED HONDA ACCORD

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of a momentous event in the history of Central Ohio and specifically, in the town of Marysville, Ohio, which is in my Congressional district.

In October of 1982, Honda auto company opened its first automobile assembly plant in the United States in the town of Marysville in Union County. Soon after, the first Honda Accord rolled off the assembly line and began a new chapter in the manufacturing history of Ohio. The construction of the extensive assembly facilities in Marysville followed the company's long-standing policy of producing products in the markets where they are sold.

For 20 years now, Honda has demonstrated its commitment to Marysville, to Ohio and to the country. In 1988, Honda produced its first car for export to Japan. By 1994, Honda produced 100,000 cars for export. In 1995, Honda was the recipient of the Ohio Governor's Exporter of the Year Award. In two years, Honda will produce more vehicles in North America than in Japan.

In 1982, Honda's 400 Marysville associates assembled 968 Accords. By the next year, 55,337 Accords came off the plant's assembly line. In 2001, an astounding 456,348 Accords and Acura TL's were shipped from Marysville. Given the \$2.3 billion investment in the Marysville facility, it is no surprise that Marysville is now the company's largest automobile plant in the United States.

This year, Honda launched the seventh-generation Accord, which has become one of the

best-selling cars in America. This coincided with the introduction of a new and more efficient manufacturing system at the Marysville plant to improve efficiency and worker safety.

Put simply, the Honda assembly plant in Marysville has become a cornerstone of Ohio's manufacturing base. In addition to providing employment for thousands of Ohioans, the Marysville plant has consistently been on the cutting edge of automobile innovation and Honda has been an outstanding corporate citizen.

As Ohio's Seventh District Representative to the Congress of the United States, I take this opportunity to publicly recognize the associates at the Marysville Honda assembly plant for reaching this important milestone, and honor the company's 20 years of commercial investment in Marysville.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID C. FORD-
HAM OF BARABOO, WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. David C. Fordham of Baraboo, Wisconsin, who is just concluding his career of more than 37 years of federal service.

Mr. Fordham has served as Commander's Representative at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant near Baraboo since 1976, with more than 31 years of service at Badger. His early positions at Badger included supervisory chemical engineer and contracting officer's representative. His achievements and awards have been numerous, including recognition annually for nearly the last decade with the Exceptional Performance Award and his award this year of the Superior Civilian Service Award.

Prior to the closure of the Badger plant, Mr. Fordham worked tirelessly to ensure that Army industrial installation at Badger was modernized and fully prepared to meet its role as the Army's only backup source for munitions propellant and smokeless powder.

However, Mr. Fordham's impact at the Badger plant over his many years of service has gone far beyond his critical role in ensuring the plant's readiness. He also ensured numerous energy conservation improvements, significant improvements in plant safety, and the resolution of numerous complex environmental remediation issues.

In more recent years, with the Army's declaration of the Badger plant as excess, Mr. Fordham has worked closely with federal, state, and local officials, community organizations, and concerned citizens, voluntarily attending countless public meetings—often until late into the night—in an advisory capacity on issues regarding reuse and cleanup of the plant.

Mr. Fordham's deep personal relationship with the plant, its employees past and present, its history, and his concern for its future has been clearly evident as my staff and I have worked closely with him on issues regarding Badger. Shortly after I was sworn into federal office, I had the pleasure of an in-depth tour of the Badger plant led by Mr. Fordham, who shared from this unparalleled knowledge of